

**A Resurrection Question** (Mark 12:18-27)

**Proposition:** Every person can be assured of the truth of the resurrection by grasping the three practical principals laid out in the text before us.

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Man has always pondered life after death. He has always questioned what is on the other side of the grave. Ancient cultures buried their dead with many material possessions in hopes that they would assist them in the afterlife only to be found centuries later covered in dust and unmarked from the day they were placed. We have trivialized it in songs <sup>cartoons</sup> film and even in life. Johnny Harrington of Baleswill UK lost the heart of the question is found in John 14: 14 "If a man die shall he live again?" What happens when a person dies?

This question still rages even today. Although many religions and philosophers conjecture opinions the true answer can only come from one that has returned from the other side of the grave. And there is only one. The Lord Jesus Christ.

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### I. The Sadducees Resurrection Dismissed

I remember many a press conference surrounding Terry Fallwell about a comment he made and their intent was to scoff and



ridicule him into public embarrassment. Way off it was

**A. Their Stand** - This is the only mention of the Sadducees in Mark's gospel. If the Pharisees were ritualists and the Herodians were political rulers then the Sadducees were the rationalists. The Liberals. They've always been around. Reject the OT except Pentateuch, reject miracles, angels, and the resurrection from the dead. Priestly aristocrat. I smell a snake.

**B. Their Synario** - The Law in question is the levirate law of marriage in Deut 25:5-10. Man dies, no children, brother marries wife and child produced is under deceased father's name to pass on inheritance and to care for widow. The Law was good, but their Synario was ridiculous. Rhysen mother taught me. I would start getting very nervous if I was a member of that family.

**C. Their Search** - They were trying to use the Scriptures to ridicule resurrection and to ridicule Christ. To make light of Him. This is done today: You don't believe that whole Jonah story. What about that Noah story surely legend. They weren't asking for knowledge but for spite for show. To scoff at the idea of the miracle.

**II. The Scriptures Resurrection Declaration**  
Jesus said "Do ye not... err? Err means to be lead astray. The rationalizations of the Sadducees was leading them astray. P319:13

1) ...lost his mother in 1991. Before the funeral he threw a party for his dead mother. He propped her up in the casket and put a beer in one hand and a cigarette in her other hand.

1) ...for navigating the troubled waters of man's ignorance!

2) Job 19:25-27 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me. Isaiah 26:19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Ezekiel 37:12-13 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, Daniel 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.



This word is a lamp unto... It is the north star for man

### A. An Examination of Scripture -

You don't know the Bible. The old testament scripture is rife with rock solid references of a coming resurrection. Joh 19: 25-27 Is 25: 8

Eze 37: 12-13 Da 12: 2. Examine the scriptures! No wonder Christians are deceived by every bad doctrine and rank heresy that comes down the pipe. We are a culturally illiterate generation. Christ could say that about a great many of us sitting in this room.

### B. An Example in Scripture - But these

men weren't ignorant. They knew the word they just discounted it. Liberal Pastors went to death bed member, reached to read scripture found a shredded Bible member cut out all passages Preacher said didn't belong! Sadducees had carved up their Bible. So instead of going to Joh, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel he went to Moses the one they accepted. V526 Haven't you read this? I am the God of... Not I was.

They could not disqualify their argument was built on words of Moses. They could not resist

### III. The Sovereign's Resurrection Dominion

V524 ye knew not the scriptures, neither the Power of God. The starting place for faith and knowing the power of God in our life is in the scriptures. I know the scriptures

H.S. translates that into power for living.

### A. His Creative Dominion - V505

Here Jesus gives us insight into the afterlife. He just pulls back the curtain, not OT insight, just the bare knowledge of Christ. The Sadducees premise is that life goes on in after life just as it has here. But God has sovereign powerful dominion over our bodies in the resurrection to change them to fit his eternal purposes. For in a fallen world marriage & family is established to protect and propagate human kind. I'm clearly not dying, danger, disease <sup>(1)</sup> our role is like angels serves

### B. His Quickening Dominion - V507

Jesus is clarifying his point made in verse 26. I am the God of... presently actually. Now these Sadducees could probably go to Abraham's grave and possibly see the dusty remains of Abraham. The soul of Abraham is alive before God in the presence of God. This state of spiritual life and physical death is a temporary state.

Phil 3:21. Sweet - God would not leave men with whom He maintained relations, in an

TV. Closing. The resurrection is a reality for every man woman boy and girl on this planet: Do you remember Dan 12:2 You will stand before God in your flesh one day in a glorified body <sup>(4)</sup> like this a horrible <sup>(5)</sup>



- 1) ...like the angles. The relationship of marriage and family although blessed and and vital, are not eternal. Mormon's err in their marriage vows, that state for time and eternity. No. Some Christian sects seem to make an idol of marriage and the family. They are not going to last forever! God's creative dominion, he will change our relationships.
- 2) Philippians 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.
- 3) In an imperfect condition, the death of the body could only be a suspension of vital activities which in some form would be resumed.
- 4) Daniel 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- 5) ...or a horrifying body fit for eternal destruction. You can be a part of the churches resurrection to meet Christ on the day of the rapture and never stand before the throne of God's eternal judgment. That judgment can be resolved to day by turning from your life of sin and self and trusting Jesus Christ today!